



Louisiana's 3rd Congressional District

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Congressman Melancon listens to Louisiana small businessmen give their ideas for making government work within a budget.

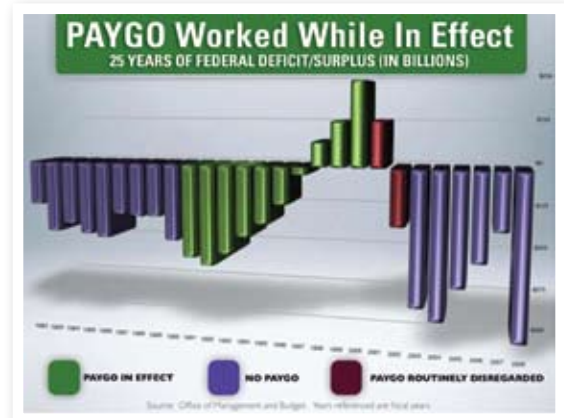
“I’ve supported fiscal policies like the Pay-As-You-Go law to make government live within its means – just like Louisiana families do every day.”

– Congressman Charlie Melancon

STANDING UP FOR FISCAL DISCIPLINE.

Congressman Melancon Supports Pay-as-you-Go Budgeting

- ★ Congressman Charlie Melancon helped pass a critical tool for restoring our nation’s fiscal health by co-sponsoring and voting for Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) legislation. PAYGO was signed into law in February.
- ★ The fiscal discipline imposed by PAYGO in the 1990s was critical in taking the United States from deficits to surpluses. PAYGO requires Congress to pay for all new or increased nonemergency spending with savings elsewhere in the budget.
- ★ Earlier this year, Congressman Melancon voted against raising the debt limit by another \$1.9 trillion. He believes we need to restore fiscal discipline and cut wasteful spending, not borrow more money.



Melancon fights for Hard-Hit Small Businesses in Louisiana

- ★ Congressman Melancon introduced legislation in Congress to help small businesses recover from years of devastating hurricanes and weather the current economic downturn.
- ★ The Southeast Hurricanes Small Business Disaster Relief Act of 2010 would give the Small Business Administration (SBA) the authority to waive up to \$15,000 of the interest payments owed by businesses in Louisiana. The bill requires the SBA to give priority to businesses with 50 employees or less.



Left Photo: Rep. Melancon joins Gulf Coast oystermen in calling on the FDA to reverse its proposed ban on the sale of fresh oysters during summer months.

Right Photo: Rep. Melancon joins Louisiana shrimpers at the state capitol to speak out against unfair trade that is driving shrimpers out of business.

"As a former small business owner, I know how hard it can be to make payroll, even in the best of times. Instead of spending much-needed cash on interest payments, this commonsense bill will allow small business owners to reinvest in hiring new workers and expanding their businesses."

— Congressman Charlie Melancon

"The Chamber and SWLA commends Sen. Landrieu and Congressman Melancon for introducing the Southeast Hurricane Small Business Disaster Relief Act to help businesses in our region that received SBA loans after Rita and Katrina ravaged our coastline in 2005."

- George Swift, President and CEO of the Southwest Louisiana Chamber

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CONGRESSMAN MELANCON SUPPORTS A BALANCED BUDGET CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Paying our debts, protecting our future

★ The idea is simple. American families have to live on a budget. The federal government should be held to the same standard. Congressman Melancon supports a constitutional amendment requiring Congress to pass a balanced budget every year.

“Restoring fiscal discipline to our federal government is not going to be easy, and success will require members on both sides of the aisle to rise above partisan politics, something I’ve been doing during my service to Louisiana.”

- Congressman Charlie Melancon

For more information, please visit Congressman Melancon’s website at www.melancon.house.gov and sign up for his e-newsletter.